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SUBJ: BANGLADESH APPLICATION FOR UN MEMBERSHIP

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1. PAKISTAN AMB AKHUND TOLD MISOFF AT MAY 14
RECEPTION HE HOPED BANGLADESH WOULD DELAY REQUEST FOR
SC ACTION ON UN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR FOUR TO SIX
WEEKS. HE SAID BANGLADESH UNDOUBTABLY WOULD RECEIVE SC
APPROVAL ANY TIME IT APPLIED, BUT IT WOULD BE MUCH BETTER
IF ACTION POSTPONED AS LATER PAKISTAN WILL BE ABLE TO SUP-
PORT IT ACTIVELY.

2. AKHUND SAID HE AWARE OF BANGLADESH LOBBYING EFFORT AND
RATIONALE THAT BD PREFERS SC ACTION WHILE KENYA IN THE
CHAIR RATHER THAN MAURITANIA IN JUNE OR PERU IN JULY.

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HE ALSO SAID THAT BD MAY WANT EARLY ACTION TO CAP INDIAN

AMB SAMAR SEN'S NEW YORK CAREER. (HE IS DEPARTING IMMINENETLY TO BECOME INDIA'S AMBASSADOR TO DACCA.) AKHUND DISCOUNTS BOTH CONSIDERATIONS AS UNIMPORTANT, BUT PLACED STRESS ON BD COMING BEFORE THE SC WITH PAKISTAN SUPPORT WHICH HE SAID WOULD BE OF ENORMOUS PSYCHOLOGICAL BENEFIT FOR THE SUBCONTINENT AS A WHOLE.

3. IN COMMENTING WITH ANOTHER MISOFF AT SAME RECEPTION, CHINESE MISSION CHARGE CHUANG SIGNED NEGATIVE PRC ATTITUDE TOWARD ACTION THIS MONTH BY STRESSING HIS FAILURE TO UNDERSTAND WHY BD "IN SUCH A HURRY."

4. KENYAN MISSION TOLD POLCOUNS LATE MAY 15 THAT BD REPS GOING FULL STEAM AHEAD WITH PLAN FOR SC ACTION IN MAY DESPITE PAKISTANI OPPOSITION AND UNCERTAIN CHINESE ATTITUDE. KENYANS FORESEE ORIGINAL BD MEMBERSHIP ABPPPLICATION WOULD BE REACTIVATED IN ACCRODANCE WITH "JAPANESE FORMULA." ALL FORMALITIES INCLUDING CONVENING OF SC MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE WOULD BE OBSERVED.

5. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT SPECIFICALLY SAY SO, PERHAPS AKHUND EXPECTS PAKISTAN AND BD TO REESTABLISH RELATIONS IN FOUR TO SIX WEEKS. ONCE THIS OCCURS, PAKISTAN PRESEMABLY WILL BE ABLE TO SPEAK AT SC WELCOMING BD AS PROSPECTIVE UN MEMBER. IF SC ACTION TAKEN NEXT WEEK, ASSUME PAKISTAN WILL REMAIN SILENT.
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